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1. In late November 1951, there was a riot among the members of the labor cooperative farm in Dermantsi Village Lukovit District, against the Government's agricultural policy.¹

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2. The immediate cause of the riot is not known; however, after the riot had been suppressed, individual holdings which made up the cooperative were split up, and many of the local peasants were moved to Nov Grad village , Svishtov District. This transfer is apparently in conformity with the government's policy of shifting village inhabitants whenever possible in order to effect greater control over peasant communities.

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1. Comment: this is the first report of peasant rioting since the widespread riots of the spring of 1951.

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